

REMARKS

Summary

The specification, the drawings, and Claims 1-19 have been amended to improve their form, and the title and Claims 1, 5, 10, 14, and 15 have been amended to overcome a formal objection and rejection. Therefore, the application is now in allowable form.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-19 are pending. Claims 1-19 have been amended to improve their form. In addition, Claims 1, 5, 10, 14, and 15 have been amended to overcome a formal rejection. Claims 1, 5, 8, 12, and 15-19 are independent.

Requested Action

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objection and rejection in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Title Objection

The Examiner has objected to the title of the invention and required a new title that is more indicative of the claimed invention. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objection, Applicants have amended the title to address the points raised by the Examiner. Applicants submit that the amended title is even more indicative of the claimed invention.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

In Figure 1:

Delete reference numerals "24" and "80" and the lead lines therefrom; and

Delete reference characters "46a", "46b", "46c", "46d", "80a", "80b", "80c", and "80d" and the lead lines therefrom.

In Figure 2:

Delete reference numerals "80" and "90" and the lead lines therefrom; and

Delete reference characters "90a" and the lead line therefrom.

In Figure 3:

Delete reference characters "49" (both occurrences) and the lead lines therefrom; and

Change reference characters "32b" to --31b--.

In Figure 14:

Delete reference characters "P2", "P3", "P5", and "P6" and the lead lines therefrom.

Formal Rejection

Claims 1-7, 14, and 15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, because of the use of the word “radiantly” in the claims. Claims 1, 5, 10, 14, and 15 contain this term.

In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, Claims 1, 5, 10, 14, and 15 have been amended to delete this word therefrom, thereby obviating the rejection.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 8-13 and 16-19.

Drawing Amendments

Applicants have amended Figures 1-3 and 14 to delete reference numerals and characters not found in the specification. In addition, Applicants have amended Figure 3 to change “32b” to --31b--, so that Figure 3 is consistent with page 23, line 19 of the originally-filed specification. Corrected formal drawings of these figures are also attached.

Substitute Specification

Attached are clean and marked-up copies of a substitute specification, amending the specification to correct minor informalities therein. These corrections include deleting reference numerals and characters not found in the drawings, and amending page 25, line 2 of the originally-filed specification to change “pressure spring 53” to --pressure spring 54--, since reference numeral 53 was previously used to denote the waste toner chamber and

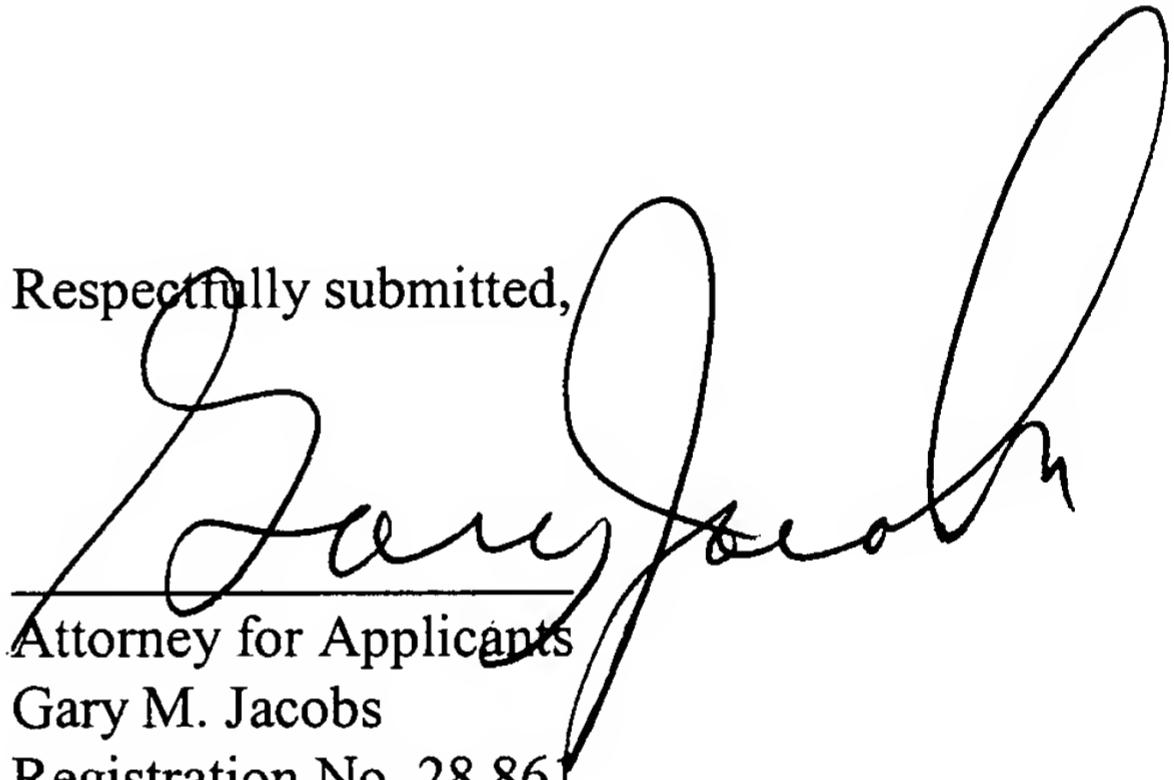
since element 54 in Figure 2 denotes the pressure spring referred to in this part of the specification.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

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